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Prognostication,

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The 6 Of *January*, is observed the *Epiphany*, *viz*. The day, of Apparition, or manifestation of Christ from above, On this day the Star conducted the Wise-men to Christ.

If thou be sick, and health would have,
The counsel of the Learned crave.

The first Fair in the year is S. Naughlans, at the Kirk of Bethelny, in Gerry, upon the 7. day. S. Mungo in Glasgow the 13. day; and at Dunkel and Kilwinning the 12. day.

Lxviij. February begins on Tuesday.

The Sun riseth 26. min. after 7. and sets 34. min. after 4.
Change on *Tuesday* the first day, 16 min. past 1 morn.
Second qu. on *Munday* the 7 day 12 min. past 6 at Night.
Full Moon on *Munday* 14 day at 10 of the clock at night,
Last qu. on *Tuesday* 22. day 30. min. past 11 at night.

This moneth beginneth with such weather as the other ended till the 8 day. thence to the 16 more calm and temperat. thence to the end rainy, with some sleet and mist.

The 24 Of *February*, Is kept the feast of St. *Matthias*, was Elected in the room of *Judas*, and in the Year of Christi 51. Is beheaded, having been first almost stoned.

Be choice of food in any wise,
To keep thee warm also precise.

The first day at Abernethy & Forres in Murrayland called S. Brides day. On Candlemass day in Bamff, Dunkel Dingwal, Dowglas, the 2. day. Valentins day in Linlithgow 14 day and Forfar the 15. holding eight days. Ashwednesday fair begins on Fasten-even, at Lanerk the same day. Vally-field the 24. day.

Lxxj. March begins on Tuesday.

The Sun riseth 27. min. after 6. and sets 33. min. after 5.
Change on *Wednesday* 2 day 24. min. past 7 morn.
Second qu. on *Wednesday* 9 d. 30 m. past 1 mor.

Full Moon on *Wednesday*, 16 d. 18. [illegible] 3 [illegible]
Last qu. on *Thursday* 24. d. 20 min. [illegible] afternoon.
Change on *Thursday* 31 d. 13. min. past 8 at night.

This moneth begins cold to the 9 day, thence to the 18 some what windy from that to the 26, raw frost, thence to the end fair and dry.

The great Fast of *Lent* (most whereof falls always in *March*,) That the Church enjoyns the observation thereof, in remembrance of our Saviours Fasting, and being tempted of Satan forty dayes in the wilderness.

Now bleed and bathe, if thou desire,
And purge also if need require.

S. Monence in Aberdene, Dumfermling, Abercherder and S. Marnoch Kirk the first day, at Pettenween the 3. S. Duthos in Tane of Ross the 9. in Auchertuel and Innerness the 10. S Causnan the 12. day: S. Patrick in Dumbarton, and at the Kirk of Strageeth & at Kirkadie a fair of horse, neat & sheep, &c the 16. day; in S. Johnston the 19. Cuthbert in Langton of the Mers the 20. day: Lady-day in Westweems Bamff, Auchtermuchti the 25. Midlentron fair at Banchrie, on thursday before Midlentron sunday; Palmsunday at the Kirk of Forrig, and in S. Johnston: & Skierthursday fair is upon thursday before Good-friday at Cowper of Angus, otherwise Monks Cowper a fair in Forres called S. Marks fair, the first tuesday after Easter yearly.

Ter. April begins on Fryday.

The sun riseth 7. min past 5. and sets 53. min. past 6.
Second. qu. on *Thursday* 7 d. 18 min. past 10 forenoon.
Full Moon on *Friday* 15 d. 19 min. past 7 morn.
Last qu. on *Saturday* 23. d. 45. min. past 8 morn.
Change on *Saturday* 30 d. 24 min. past 2 morn.

This moneth begins with fair weather the first 5 days thence to the 12. pleasant warm weather, with some showers to the 22. more windy, the rest of the moneth endeth with reasonable fair weather.

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25 of *April*, the Feast of St. *Mark* is Celebrated. He was Nepbew to St. *Peters* (for his Masters sake) *Anno* Christi 63. Martyred at *Alexandria*.

Now wholesom baths thou mayest frequent
Let blood also, and not repent:

S. Oles fair at the Kirk of Cruden the first tuesday; at Leslie on tuesday before Easter; in Corsforphine the first tuesday after easter a fair. A new fair in Kirkintilloch the 15. of Horse neat, & sheep, and several other Commodities, S. Donald fair at the Kirk of Auchterless the 17. in Old Aberdene on Skirethursday. S. Mark Evangelist in Dysert the 23. Beltanday the first the 26. a fair at Rugland the 28. continuing four days: at Leven the 29. day, and in Kilreni the 30. day, at Borrowstounness the first Tuesday after Pasch.

Whiles in March, and whiles in April.

Skirethursday before Pasch in Old-Aberdene, Glasgow; Dumbartan, Cowper of Angus, Elgin of Murray. Paschsunday in Cowper of Fife, Lanerk and Irwing, Low-sunday after Pasch in Killimure, and all the week after at the Senzie of S. Andrews.

Lxxj. May begins on Sunday.

The Sun riseth 4. min. after 4. and sets 56. min. past 7.
Second qu. on *Friday* 6. d. 24 min past 8 at night.
Full Moon on *Saturday* 14 d. at 10. of the clock at night.
Last qu. on *Sunday* 22. d. 11 min. past 7 at night.
Change on *Sunday* 29. d. 10. min. past 8 morn.

The first 5 or 6 days good warm showers, thence to the 14. brave hot weather, thence to the 20 some what clourmie and mirky, the moneth endeth with pleasant warm weather.

The first day of *May*, is Celebrated (with St. *Philips*) the Feast of St. *Jacobs*, or *James*: He was the first Bishop of *Jerusalem*, and Preached among the *Jews* 30 years at last they Stone him, when being heard praying for his enemies, a *Tannar* put him out of his pain, by knoking him on the head with a Club.

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Rise early now this mo[illegible]ay,
And walk the fields that be so gay:

The first day, called S. Philip, a fair in the Grange within the Sherifdom of Linlithgow. Alſo a fair at the new Church of Kilpatrick, free of cuſtom for ſeven years. Holy Croſs day the ſecond Relton in Montroſe, Kinrocher: Rude fair in Ellen, and in Peebles the 3, at Ranſrew of horſe, neat, ſheep, cuſtom free for 3 years, a fair of horſe, neat & ſheep & other merchant ware at the Clachen in nether Lorn the 2. wedneſday in may the 9. day: at Carlouk the tenth at Bamff, and at Kirkaldie a fair of neat and ſheep, &c. the 16 day: in Leſlie on thurſday before Whitſunday: Sterling fair ten days before Whitſunday: in Stonhyve upon tueſday before Whitſunday, with a weekly mercat every thurſday.

Whiles in May, and whiles in June.

Whitſunmunday in Glaſgow, Dumbarton, Lanerk and Jedburgh. Whitſuntueſday, called Pardon day, in the Chanrie of Roſs, Peterheed, and at the Kirk of Ninians above Kirkaldie and Borrowſtownneſs. Trinity munday in Edinburgh & Brichin 8 days, in S. Andrews one day, in Rurutiland one day. A fair in the burgh of Linlithgow the firſt thurſday after whitſun-day. Trinity tueſ. in Rugland laſting two days, Trinity thurſday in Falkland.

Xxx. June begins on Wednesday.

Sun riſeth 22. min. paſt. 3. ſets 38. min. after 8.
Second qu. on *Sunday* 5 day, 52 min. paſt 7 morn.
Full moon on *Munday* 13 day, 30 min paſt 1 afternoon.
Laſt qu. on *Tueſday* 28 day, 49 min. paſt 2 morn.
Change on *Munday* 27 day, 48 min. paſt 4 afternoon.

This moneth begins with warm weather to the 11 day. thence to the 17 ſome dreping ſhowers, thence to the 25 ſome claps of thunder. and then to the end clear and hot.

29 *June*, Is dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul, They both

[illegible] April, 68, Suffered Martyrdom. [illegible] by being Crucified with his head downward, and [illegible] by being Beheaded.

Drink new or sweet, taste not at all,
For thereby grows no danger small,

A fair in Kinross the first tuesday of June, and in Bigger, *of horse, neat and sheep, and other commodities. Bernard fair the second tuesday: in Stramiglo, Aberdour & Enmerkeithing the* 6. *A weekly mercat in Forfar, beginning the* 8, *of June, of neat, sheep, and horse, &c. continuing till the first of Octob. A fair in Forgendeny the* 10 *S. Barnabie in Lawder and Dysert,* Dowglas, *S. Laurence in Crinock the* 11. *day. S. Margaret in Abernathie Ceres in Fife the* 13. *midsummer on* 8. *Johns daie in St. Johnston five daies, in Wigtons* Bamff, *and Athelston the* 14. *In Scone* 3. *daies with an weeklie market, and in Auchtertuell and Clackmannan and* Bocklivie *in the Parish of Kippon the* 15. *St Margaret in Dumfermling and at Moffat the* 18. *day in which place there is a weeklie mercat everie fridaie, Earlston the* 19. *Methil the* 22. *day. In Kirkintilloch of Horse sheep and other Commodities, on the* 24. *Midsummer day in Hawick in the South, hard by the river of Teviot for Horse, sheep, oxen, and neat, &c. On the* 14 *day, together with a weekly mercat daylie always upon the thursdaie. Also in Forres, Townyetam on the border the* 24. *daie, of Horse, Neat and sheep, &c. The* 24. *with a weeklie mercat. In alathin in Angus, called S. Emagola the* 25. *S. Peters day at Forfar the* 26. *holding four daies. Also in Falkland, Burntiland,* Bamff, *and Kelso the* 26. *Gallashiels the* 27, *In Peebles the* 29. *S. Seriff fair the last tuesdaie of this moneth. S. John baptist day a fair in Frazerburgh the* 24. *day. There is also a fair called S. Margret*

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xxxj. July begins on Fryday.

The Sun riſeth 23 min. paſt 3 and ſets 28 man. paſt 8.
Second qu. on *Tueſday* 5 day at 10 in the morn.
Full Moon on *Wedneſday* 13 day, 20 min paſt 3 morn.
Laſt qu. on *Wedneſday* 20 day. 36 min paſt 8 morn.
Change on *Wedneſday* 27 day, at 1 in the morn.

This moneth begins dry hot and warm to the 4 day, thence to the 11. ſome growing ſhowers thence to the 14 fair and dry. the reſt of the moneth exceeding hot with ſome claps of thunder

2 Of July, *Martinia* and *Proceſſus*, who were as a guard upon S. *Peter* and *Paul* in priſon, was converted and Baptized; They let the Apoſtles out of Priſon, they were beheaded for the ſame.

Perfume thy houſe with ſavors ſweet,
But ſuch as are for purpoſe meet.

An yearly faire At Edzertoun in Tivotdale, Bigger, and in Gulroſs the firſt day, of July. Abernethy & Auchtermuchty the 2 day. Matthews day in Roſs-Hartie the firſt Tueſday of July, holding three dayes, with a new Built Herbor for ſhipping In Kirkintilloch of horſes & ſheep and ſeveral Commodities the 3. S. Martin of Bulzeon 4 day. Peter fair in Peter-head, the firſt Tueſday in Dundie a new fair. S. Thomas Langnewtoun, mid way betwixt Jedburgh and melroſs the 5. day. S. Palladius in Foden of the Merns the 6. S. Andrew in Gaſgow the 7 S. Lawrence at Crinock the 11 day Kilwinning the 12 day S. Margaret in Frendraught, and Aiky fair in Old Deer, both on the 2 Tueſday. A fair at Borrowſtounneſs the ſecond Wedneſd. S. Margaret in Killimure the 13. ſix days at the Kirk of Forrig, in Tarves the 3 tueſday, in Moffat and Kirkadie a fair

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Lxxj. August begins on Munday.

Sun riseth 26. min. past 4. and sets 34. min. past 7.

Second qu. on *Wednesday* 2 day, 40 min past 5 at night.
Full Moon on *Tursday* 11 day, 25 min past 2 afternoon.
Last qu. on *Thursday* 18 day. 25 min past 1 afternoon.
Change on *Tursday* 25 day, at 1 afternoon,

From the first to the 14 hot and dry, thence to the 20 some wind, and claps of thunder, thence to the 30 unconstant weather, the moneth endeth fair and dry.

1 *August* Is the Festival of St. Peters Chains. St Peter was visited by an *Angel* in his sleep, who unloosed his Chaines, and set him at liberty.

Let little sleep, thee now content,
Purge not, nor Blood, lest thou repent.

Lambas day in Turreff holding three days, and in Milrois, Ennerkithing, St. Andrews, and in Dumbartan the first day, Lawrance fair in Rane the first tuesday, the 2. tuesday at Jedburgh, thursd. after in Falkland, S. Lawrence in Selkirk, Auchtermuchty, Forres and Carwath the 10. *In Kirkintilsloch of horse, and sheep, and other Commodities to the* 12. *In Rane two days before Kilmahug: Lady day in Dundee, Bamff, Merns and Vally-field, Mary day the first at Monymusk the* 15. *at Rugland the* 20. *in Scoon the* 22. *S. Bartholomew Apostle in Linlithgow, Clackmannan & Peebles all on the* 24. *d. S. Zepherinus in Corstorphin the* 26. *Semarivis*

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Lxx. September begins on Thursday.

The Sun riseth 35. min. past 5. set 25 min. past 6.
Second qu. on *Friday* 2 day, 36 min. past 11 forenoon.
Full Moon on *Saturday* 10 day. 30 m. past 1 morn.
Last qu. on *Friday* 16 day, 50 min. past 6 at night.
Change on *Saturday* 24 day, at 3 in the morning.

This moneth begins with fair weather to the 7 day. then to the 16 dark, inclining to rain to the 22 good fair weather, the moneth ends with showers and some wind.

Cornelius, Pope and Martyr, succeeded *Fabian* in the Pontificial Chair; but he refusing to sacrifice to Idols, was condemned to the Ax: He so little valued death; that in stead of one, he would suffer a 1000 was martyred *September* 1. *Anno.* Christi 255 *Decius* being Emperor.

Raw fruit, though ripe, may sickness bring,
Unripe much eat, a dangerous thing.

St. Giles fair in Elgin the 1. *day. in Moffat the* 2. *Samervis in Keith the* 1. *tuesd. in Skirling the* 4. *day. latter Lady day in Dundee, Stirling, Bamff, and at the town of Inverury all on the* 8. *d. in Auchtertuel & Saline the* 11. *day at Monimusk, and at the kirk of Auchindoor the* 2. *tuesd. Rude fair at Inverness Dumfermling and Iedburgh the* 14. *d. at Forfar, and Chappel of Dine in Cathness the* 15. *d. a fair at Pitlisie* 16 *day. A fair at Kirkaldy the* 20 *day, with a weekly Market every wednesd. Matthew Apostle in Linlithgow the* 21. *day. a fair in Carlil, Jedburgh, Dumfermling, Dumfries & Athelston* 24. *at Leven, Nicolson, Tranent, and Langnewton all on the* 27. *S. Michael in Frendraught, Haddington. Lesly. S. Andrews. Crief, Kirkubright, Galashiels, Kirk of Forrig and at Renfrew, all on the* 29

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Lxxj. October begins on Saturday.

The Sun riseth 45 min. past 6. and sets 15 min. past 5.
Second qu. on Sunday 2. day, 53 min past 6 morn.
Full Moon on Sunday 9 day, at 12 a clock mid-day.
Last qu. on Sunday 16 day, 30 min. past 2 morning.
Change on Sunday 23 day, 24 min. past 8 at night,
Second qu. on Munday 31 d. 26 min. past 11 at night.

This moneth begins with raw frost to the 7 day, then to 13 cold and windy, with some rain, thence to the 26 temperat. the rest of the moneth ends with high winds.

28 Octob. The Feast of Symon and Jude were observed to be Brethren, Symon after he had Preached the Gospel in Egypt, Lybia, Persia, returning home to Jerusalem was in the 120 year of his age crucified, Anno Christi 143. Jude is put to Death there.

Prepare warm Food, if thou be wise,
For Health, use daily exercise.

The 1, 2, 3. a fair in Salt Preston, the first Tuesday in Dundie a new fair S. Francis in Abernethy and Vallyfield the 4. Also in Air the first tuesday of this month and to continue that whole week for Wool, Horses, Sheep, and other merchandable Commodities. An Yearly fair at Edzerstoun in Tiviotdale upon the 5th, Dionyse in Peebles. Earston, Kirkintilloch, Aiton, Auchtermuchti, Ceres in Fife, Killimure and Moffat the 9. In Kirkintilloch of Horse sheep and other Commodities the ninth. A fair of Horse neat and sheep and other merchand ware at the Clachan in nether Lorn the second wednesday in Octob. Dalkeith & Tillibol the 10. at Innerkeithing the 12. day, Fenduc at dunninig the 13. in Forgondeny the 15. day, at Musselburgh & Borrowstonness the 16. with two weekly markets the munday and friday. S. Luke in Lawder, Kinross, Rugland the 18. day.

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Garlouk the 20. with a weekly market every wedne[illegible]
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time coming, of all sorts of goods & gear, the 20. A fair at
new church of Kilpatrick, of horse, neat, lint cloath &c. free
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Kilreny and Stramiglio the 25. Fowls fair in Pasley, and
Falkirk, and a Fair at Balgrochan in the Parish of Campsie
all on the 25. Simon and Jude in Dysert, Falkirk, Gokani,
Kirkliston, Bigger, and Hawick the 28 in Alloway the 29.
The last thurs. of this month a fair in Whithorn holding 2 days

Lxx. November begins on Tuesday.

The Sun riseth 53. min. past 7. and sets 7. min. past 4.
Full Moon on Munday 7 day, 49 min. past 9 at night.
Last qu. on Munday 14 day. 33 min. past 2 afternoon.
Change on Tuesday 22 day, 20. min. past 2 afternoon.
Second qu. on Wednesday 30. day, 16 min. past 3 aftern.

This moneth begins with snow and frost to the 7 day from that to the 16 fleet wich cold winds, then to the 23 more fair and temperat, from that to the end, cold frosty, weather.

30 Novem. Is kept the Feast of St. Andrew, He was the first Christian, and first Born of the New Testament, Preached the Gospel in Scothia and last in Achaia, and under the Emperour Vespasian, Anno. Christi 80, Is Crucified, with his head downward, as was St. Peter.

If Rheumes do now molest thy head,
It is not ill to sweat in bed.

Hallowday in Edinburgh 8. days, in Falkland, Dumblane, Fordice the first day: in Alathy the 2. in Kilwinning the 3. at Jedburgh the first tuesday. S. Leonard in Lanerk Forres the 6. Bocklyvie in the Parish of Kippen, of horse, neat, and sheep, and other commodities, and a weekly Market every

tuesday

[illegible] Melrois, Martinskirk, [illegible] of Fife, Hamilton, culross, Kilmahug the [illegible] in Dundie the 13. S. Helens at Grinock the 15. Margaretmas fair in Dumfermling the 16 at Bryak and Peterhead the tuesday thereafter: at Barrowstouness the [illegible] Nov. a new Fair in Rugland, Horse, Cows & other comodities. S Macharmuch in Tane and Auchtertueil the 22. Burntiland the 23. Maiden fair the 24. Andermas fair in Stradown, and in Frazerburgh the 29. S. Andr. in S. Johnston, Peebles & Chirnside the 30. day.

Lxxj. December begins on Thursday.

The Sun riseth 37. min. after 8. and sets 23. min. after 3.
Full Moon on Wednesday 7 day, 54 min. past 7 morn.
Last qu. on Wednesday 14 day, 48 min. past 6 morn.
Change on Thursday 22 day. 37. min. past 9 morn.
Second qu. on Friday 30. day, at 4 in the morning.

This moneth begins cold to the 6 day. to the 14, somewhat windy, from that to the 28, raw frost, with some snow: thence to the end fair and seasonable weather.

25 December, Is the Birth, or Nativity of our LORD, and Saviour Celebrated 1. That he was born in the Year of the World 1698.

Now cold December is come in,
The poor mans back is cloathed thin:

At Ranfrow the 6. S. Nicolas in Aberdene the 7. Bellie fair, & Lady day in westwoems the 8. S. Dunstane in Bamff, at the Kirk of Dier & Rothemay the 14. S. Cuthbert in the Grange, within the Sheriffdom of linlithgow the 17. S. Thomas in Glasgow the 15. and Innerness the 20. S. Johns day in Bamff and Forres, and Levenmouth the 27. day.

Advertisment for new Fairs in the North.

First, S. Valentines Fair at the Kirk of Methlick, on the 13. and 14. of Februar. St. Anas Fair at the Town of Tarves, on the 13. and 14. of March, St. George, at the Kirk of

of Methlich the 23, and 24, of
s, the 17, and 18, of July. St Mary, at Tarves,
and 11. of Sept, St. Tanglen at Tarves, on the 16,
7, of October. St. Denick at Methlich, 13, and 14, of No-
ber. St. Andrew at Tarves the 4. 5. of December.

Of *Fairs* within the Shyre of *Angus*.

S. Colmes which ſtands on *Muirskeith*, near the Kirk of
ar-tachie, 12 of July S. Ninians upon the Muire of *Alith*
pon the firſt Tueſday before *Whitſunday*, *Marie fair*, upon
Keith Muir, the 11. of *September*. S. *Davids* upon Keith
Muir, the 2. of *October*; each of the aforeſaid Four *Fairs*
ands four days.

Four Fairs in the Town of *Falkirk*: one Fair upon the
Firſt of *May*. The ſecond is, on the 9 of *July*. The third
is on the 15 *Auguſt*. And the laſt is on the 26 of *October*.

Advertiſment, for four new Fairs, belonging to Sir
William Grahame, within the Shyre of Perth, with
n weekly Market, every Wedneſday, to be kept
t the Town of Midlethird of Gartmore.

The Firſt is, *Balkan* Fair, on the 5 of *May*. The
econd *Saint Marks*, on the 16 of *July*. The third,
Gartmore, on the 8 of *October*. The fourth, *S. Johns*
Fair, on the 28 of *December*.

ADVERTISEMENT, Theſe are to give Notice to all
Concerned, that there are two New-Fairs belonging to
he *Laird* of *Dunſunan*, the firſt is at *Kinroſſie*, in the
Paroch of Collace, upon the 12 day of *June*, and continues
dayes. The ſecond is one the 6 day of *November*, and
ontinues 2 dayes.

ADVERTISEMENT, For a weekly Market at St. John's
Blathan, in the Paroch of *Dalzy*, in the Stewartry of
Kirkcudbry upon *Thurſday*. Alſo, Two Fairs thereat yearly,
ne called *Lambaſs* Fair, beginning the firſt *Tueſday* of
Auguſt, and the other St. *Faiths* Fair, beginning the firſt
ueſday of *October*, each to continue three days. Ad-

[illegible] that the Kings Majesty K[illegible] [illegible] Charter under His Great Seal, h[illegible] [illegible] to Sir *William Stewart* of *Castlemilk* Kni[illegible] [illegible], a weekly Mercat upon *Tuesday* to be holden in [illegible] [illegible] of *Gowrock*, now Erected in a Burgh of Barony in [illegible] [illegible] of *Ransrew*. Together with two free Fairs Yearly [illegible] holden within the said Burgh, the first is upon the [illegible] day of *June* continuing 3 days yearly. The last is upon the [illegible] day of *November* continuing 3 days yearly.

ADVERTISEMENT, There are two weekly Mercat[illegible] *Glasgow* each *Wednesday* and *Fryday* throughout the Y[illegible] for Neat and Sheep, Custom free for five Years.

Pray, stay a little, and read before you go.

A Crew of Foxes were on thieving set
Together at a Countrey hen-roost met,
Where the poor Poultry went to grievous wrac[illegible]
For there they feasted till their guts did crack,
Having well supp'd, ready to go away,
Without demanding what they had to pay,
Sayes one unto the rest, Friends, hark to me,
Let's point where our next meeting place shall [illegible]
With a good will, saith one above the rest,
At such a Farmers house, his Lambs be best.
Nay, quoth another, I do know a Clown,
Hath even the fattest Geese in all the Town.
Well, Masters, said a grave and ancient Fox,
Had been the death of many Hens and Cocks,
The surest place to meet that I can tell,
Will be the Skinners shop and so farewell.

FINIS.